

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held March 30, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Knabe:

"Child abuse and neglect impacts children and families from all cultural, ethnic and socioeconomic groups, leaving lasting scars on victims and communities. In the year 2003 alone, 162,361 cases of child abuse and neglect were reported to the Department of Children and Family Services in Los Angeles County. In the same year, nearly four children a month fell victim to fatal abuse, with countless children suffering permanent physical and emotional harm as a result of this alarming problem.

"Bringing public focus to the tragedy of child abuse and neglect assists in creating an atmosphere conducive to preventing child abuse, protecting children and helping parents."

Therefore, at the suggestion of Supervisor Knabe and on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Board joined the Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect in declaring April 2004 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" throughout Los Angeles County.

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